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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, IT, IS  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ITALY-ISRAEL NEGOTIATIONS

1. DURING EMBOFF CALL ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) OFFICIAL ON THE OTHER MATTERS, LATTER BEGAN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ISRAELI DEMANDS THAT CERTAIN CIVAIR CONCESSIONS BE WRITTEN INTO BILATERAL AGREEMENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING IN ALLOWING EL AL TO INCREASE FREQUENCIES AND CARRY ARMAMENT DURING PAST EMERGENCIES. HE SAID ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FULLY RECOGNIZED THAT ROME WAS KEY LINK IN ISRAEL'S AIR COMMUNICATIONS FOR TOURISM AND BUSINESS TRAVEL AS WELL AS FOR AIR CARGO. ITALIAN FLEXIBILITY HAD BEEN POSSIBLE, HE CLAIMED, BECAUSE MATTERS HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY ALITALIA AND EL AL ON AD HOC BASIS RATHER THAN BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT. NOW ISRAELIS WERE PRESSING FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT THAT WOULD SPELL OUT BENEFITS ISRAEL HAD BEEN ACCORDED DURING PAST EMERGENCIES AS WELL AS MANY NEW BENEFITS SUCH AS TERMINAL RIGHTS TO MILAN.

2. OFFICIAL SIAD ITALY COULD NOT ACCEDE TO ISRAELI DEMANDS  
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BECAUSE WRITTEN CONCESSIONS WOULD BE RED FLAG IN FRONT OF ARABS UPON WHOM ITALY WAS DEPENDENT FOR VITAL OIL SUPPLIES.

3. COMMENT. WHILE SUBJECT AROSE IN OFF-HAND MANNER, EMBOFF BELIEVES MFA OFFICIAL WARMED TO IT IN VAGUE HOPE USG COULD HELP EASE ISRAELI PRESSURE.BEAUDRY

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